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REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11 are now present in this application.

The specification and claims 1, 2, 5 and 11 have been amended, and claim 10 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Objection to the Claims

Claims 1, 2 and 10 stand objected to for certain informalities. In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that these informalities have been addressed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of any objection to the claims are requested.

Rejection under 35 USC 112

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In view of the foregoing amendments, in which claim 5 has been amended to recite "retrieving the coordinates of each frame," it is respectfully submitted that this rejection has been addressed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection are respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 USC 103

Claims 1 and 5-9 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Zhao et al., "Interpreting Movement Manner," in view of Benitez et al., "Object-based multimedia

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content description schemes and applications for MPEG-7." This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 2-4 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Zhao in view of Benitez, in view of Bhandari et al., U.S. Patent 5,895,464. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Examiner considers claims 10 and 11 to contain allowable subject matter. Without conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejection, but simply to expedite prosecution of this application, it is noted that the limitations of objected-to but allowable claim 10 have been incorporated into independent claim 1. Accordingly, independent claim 1 and its dependent claims should all be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 103 rejections are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Because the additional prior art cited by the Examiner has been included merely to show the state of the prior art and has not been utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning these documents are considered necessary at this time.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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